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LATEST NEWS FROM EVERY LAND.

CUBANS TO REJOICE

FIVE DAYS' CELEBRATION BEGINS ON NEW YEAR'S.

Evacuation of the island by Spaniards will be commemorated in a fitting manner—Havana will be in holiday attire.

Celebrate for Five Days.

The Cubans will celebrate American occupation January 1 by tremendous rejoicings. The junta, various patriotic clubs and an executive committee in each district, have appointed a general committee to make arrangements and raise funds for the purpose. The festivities will last five days and will be of the most varied character. A great meeting will be held in the Tacon Theater, Havana, at which speeches will be delivered by well known Cubans. All the clubs will combine in a grand procession, a race meeting will be held and a campaign dinner will be given to the Cuban troops. An effort will be made to have Gomez come to Havana to take part. Solemn high mass will be celebrated in the morning at the cathedral, at which special prayers, suitable to the occasion will be read. Arches will be erected in all the principal streets and the houses will be decorated. Numerous private balls will be given, to which invitations by the hundreds are being showered on the American officers.

MINNESOTA LEADS.

Nearly 3,000 Miles of Railroad Constructed During 1898.

Preliminary estimates made by the Railroad Gazette, New York, show an increase of 2,867 miles during 1898 in the railroad mileage of the United States. This is the largest increase reported since 1892, when 4,419 miles were added. Of the increase this year more than one-third was supplied by nine roads, among which was the Great Northern, 165 miles; St. Louis & San Francisco, 142; Mobile & Ohio, 128; Washington County (a new road in Maine), 118; Peoria Valley & Northwestern, 106; El Paso & Northeastern, 100 miles. In the distribution of the new mileage by states Minnesota takes the lead with 233 miles. Then follow Texas, 188; Louisiana, 171; Alabama, 161; Oklahoma, 157; Arkansas, 140; Maine, 123; California, 115; Missouri, 111; Michigan and Georgia, each 104.

STEALS A WHOLE LIBRARY.

James Miller, a Divinity Student at Yale, Steals 5,000 Volumes.

James P. Miller, a Yale divinity student and a three years' graduate, was arrested at New Haven, Conn., Saturday evening for shoplifting. He was seen by the detectives to purloin three books in a book store and by tracking the man they discovered that he was evidently a professional shoplifter. Five thousand volumes were discovered in his rooms at his home. The books ranged from editions de luxe to pocket editions. The dealers have already identified 2,000 volumes. Miller wore a coat fitted with pockets such as professional thieves wear.

HITT FOR AMBASSADOR.

Said the Illinois Man Has Been Asked to Go to Russia.

The indications are, says the correspondent of the New York Press, that Robert R. Hitt of Illinois, chairman of the house foreign affairs committee, has been asked to accept the ambassadorship to Russia by the president. Senator Cullom recently recommended Mr. Hitt for the British post. This is of importance as an indication that Mr. Hitt is willing to leave congress to enter the diplomatic service.

Rubber Firms Will Combine.

A new combination of some of the leading rubber firms in the United States is now in process of formation in New York city and is expected to be completed in about a week. It is said the organization will have a capital stock of \$30,000,000, half to be preferred stock and half common shares.

Frozen to Death.

James Kellogg died in St. Paul, Minn., last week from the effects of having been badly frozen, near Fairbault. He was 28 years of age, and so far as is known has no relatives or friends. At the hospital he claimed to have been put off a train on a cold night, several miles from Fairbault.

To Survey Porto Rico.

The coast and geodetic survey steamer Blake left Baltimore Saturday for Porto Rican waters. Its departure marks the beginning of work by this government in the new possession, this being the first expedition sent to any of the islands for the purpose of making surveys.

Losses on the Great Lakes.

Marine losses during the season of 1898 were much greater than during any previous season of late years. The total losses no two underwriters will make an estimate of within \$500,000 of each other. A general average places the aggregate loss at \$2,000,000.

Sampson Reaches New York.

The cruiser New York arrived at New York from Havana Friday bringing Admiral Sampson. Admiral Sampson said he had come home to attend his daughter's wedding January 4, at Glen Ridge, N. J.

TO BUILD GREAT COLISEUM.

Chicagoans to Make an Active Campaign for National Conventions.

A company of which Charles F. Gunther is president, backed by \$300,000 capital, will erect a mammoth new coliseum on Wabash avenue, Chicago. Work will begin as soon as the land can be cleared of the buildings now on it. The hall will be completed before next fall and an active campaign for the national convention of 1900 will be inaugurated. The extreme inside height of the building will be eighty-six feet. A seating capacity of 10,000 on the main floor and galleries will be provided, capable of extension to 15,000 or 18,000 for extraordinary occasions. The outside dimensions are to be 300 by 175 feet; \$150,000 will be expended in the construction.

MORE DEFENSES AT MONROE

A Formidable Fortress Will Be Extended.

A special from Norfolk, Va., says that Fort Monroe, already styled the "Gibraltar of America," is to be made even more formidable than now. It is proposed to extend the fortifications at least half a mile on the Chesapeake Bay side, so that the big guns which now command the entrance to the Virginia capes, can also guard the approaches to Washington. Crushed stone, of which 1,000 tons have arrived, will be used mainly for the building of the defenses.

RESIGNS TO PROTECT LIFE.

Gov. Smith of Santa Monica Soldiers' Home, to Retire.

The resignation of Andrew J. Smith, governor of the soldiers home at Santa Monica, Cal., has been accepted, to take effect March 31, 1899. Gov. Smith gives as his reason for resigning that two attempts to take his life have been made, one at Leavenworth, Kan., and the other more recently at Santa Monica. His family, he says, have prevailed upon him to retire to private life.

TO COST MORE TO SWEEP.

Broom Manufacturers' Association Advances Prices.

The Broom Manufacturers' Association of the United States, met in Chicago and decided to advance the price of brooms 25 cents a dozen. The general understanding is that there will be another advance in the next few weeks. A serious shortage in the broom corn crop is said to be the cause of the advance. Farmers curtailed planting on account of low prices.

Day to Get Only \$20,000.

The continued repetition of the story that William R. Day and Whitelaw Reid will receive \$100,000 each and John B. Moore \$50,000 for services on the joint peace commission has at length brought out positive denial. The peace commissioners are receiving an allowance of \$150 a day each, which will make the total amount received by each from the time of appointment until their return to the United States not more than \$20,000. Secretary Moore is receiving \$75 a day, making his total allowance about \$10,000.

Refused to Turn Over Trust Funds.

The board of education of Duluth, Minn., has brought suit for \$100,000 damages against Henry Lander, a capitalist of Niles, Mich. The board, it is alleged, deposited about \$6,000 with the Security Bank of Duluth, of which Lander was president, and the bank failed. The board declares Lander brothers signed a contract is the effect that its funds would be turned over to them upon demand. When the demand was made the bank officials refused to turn the funds over.

Big Fire at Montreal.

A fire which broke out in Montreal Wednesday night completely gutted the dry goods warehouse of S. Greenfields, Son & Co., one of the largest dry goods houses in Canada. The fire spread from the Greenfields building to the large dry goods house of McIntyre & Co., and flames gutted the premises of that firm. The loss will probably exceed \$300,000.

Investigating Colorado Asylum.

Gov. Adams of Colorado suspended Dr. T. P. Thombs as superintendent of the state insane asylum at Pueblo for sixty days, pending a full investigation of the charges that have been made against the management of the asylum. This action was taken at the request of Dr. Thombs.

Patent Leather Works Burn.

The plant of the Chromo Patent Leather Company at Newark, N. J., was destroyed by fire Wednesday. One hundred girls and a number of men were at work in the building when the flames broke out. No one seems to have been seriously hurt. The loss is estimated at \$100,000.

Hundred Saloon Keepers Indicted.

The grand jury returned indictments against Mayor Sinarall, Police Commissioner George Land, W. H. May, J. B. Rogers and E. B. Ellis of Louisville, Ky., for failing to enforce the law regarding Sunday closing of saloons. Over 100 saloon keepers are indicted.

Enters into a New Contract.

The Merritt & Chapman Company has made a contract with the government for the raising of the Spanish warship Reina Mercedes. At the company's office in New York the firm declined to discuss the contract further than to say one was signed.

Gold Hunters Wrecked.

The Rosita, from Skaguay, reports the wreck of a sloop which left Wrangell two weeks ago for Skaguay with a party of twelve, bound for Attin. The sloop was found bottom up by Indians and it is feared that all have been lost.

RECONSTRUCTED CITY

MATTERS PROGRESSING FAVORABLY IN SANTIAGO.

Special Commissioner Porter Reports on Sanitary Condition of the City—Law Courts Are Re-Established—Millions Delinquent Taxes

Situation in Santiago.

Robert B. Porter, special commissioner for the United States in Cuba and Porto Rico, has returned from Santiago de Cuba, and has submitted his report to the secretary of the treasury. While in Porto Rico Mr. Porter held public hearings, and all persons interested in the welfare of the island were invited to submit statements and give oral testimony. The chamber of commerce, representing the commercial and industrial interests of the province, responded. The machinery of the military government, Mr. Porter says, is running with a fair degree of smoothness, and men responsible for it understand their business thoroughly.

Mr. Porter details at considerable length the vigorous methods adopted to bring about a reformation in the sanitary conditions of the city of Santiago.

The law courts which were abolished when Gen. Shafter took the city have been reorganized. The judges appointed are men of good character, and are eminently qualified for the positions. The internal, industrial, professional licensing and other miscellaneous taxes have so far been remitted in this part of Cuba, but the authorities are now preparing to enforce them. Now that the customs tariff has been disposed of Mr. Porter recommends that an immediate scheme be prepared for the levying and collecting of internal revenue for the entire island. The question of separating these taxes from purely municipal taxes should also be considered.

The large amount of delinquent taxes during the last three years, which have amounted to about \$6,000,000, was, of course, due to war. In normal times there are \$4,000,000 or \$5,000,000 of revenue that must not be overlooked, revenue which, if properly and economically employed, would aid in the industrial rehabilitation of Cuba. Some of the more onerous exactions, however, should be abolished.

Mr. Porter makes several other recommendations, principally with regard to improvements of harbors and location of buoys, etc.

He speaks in high praise of the administrative ability of Gen. Wood, the military governor of Santiago, as shown in his admirable management of the affairs of the province under his jurisdiction.

MUSTER OUT OF TROOPS.

Plans for Discharge of Volunteers Nearly Decided On.

The war department has not yet made definite plans for the muster out of 50,000 volunteers, decided on at a recent cabinet meeting, but it is understood the work will be pretty well mapped out by the first of the year. The time required to muster out will depend on whether the department adopts the plan of a three months' furlough or immediate discharge with two months' extra pay, as suggested by Congressmen Hull. There are a number of regiments which have already returned from foreign service and are awaiting discharge in this country. These will be discharged early. It has been practically decided to also muster out all the volunteers in the Philippines as fast as they can be replaced with regulars, so as not to hamper the military administration of the island.

WELCOME TO THE NEW RULER

Prince George Arrives in Canea and Hoists Flag of Crete.

Prince George of Greece, the high commissioner of the powers, arrived at Canea, Island of Crete, Thursday. He was saluted by the forts and was welcomed by immense crowds of people on landing. The prince and his party stopped before the church, where a Te Deum was sung. He then proceeded to the government building where the Cretan flag was hoisted and saluted by the warships. Prince George issued a proclamation promising to govern with justice and impartiality, securing liberty to all without distinction.

Strikers Explode a Mine.

An attempt was made Thursday to blow up the Terre coal mine at Lentsburg, Ill., a small town in St. Clair County. William H. Perry & Sons own the mines, which are being run by non-union men. Several months ago the union men struck for better wages. Only the watchman was about the mine when the explosion occurred and nobody was injured.

Historic Building Burned.

Continental hall, an old land mark of Peterson, N. J., was destroyed by fire Friday. The building, which was three stories high, was occupied on the ground floor by storekeepers, while two families lived above. The occupants had narrow escapes from suffocation and burning. Loss, \$75,000.

Report of Explosion Unconfirmed.

No confirmation has been received of the report circulated recently by a news agency in a dispatch from Shanghai, saying that a powder magazine in the center of the Chinese camp at Hang Chow had exploded and killed 3,000 soldiers.

Detroit Seed Man Suicides.

John A. Severns, superintendent of the D. M. Ferry Seed Company of Detroit, Mich., shot and killed himself. He had been in poor health for some time and is said to have shown signs of insanity the past few days.

PLEADS FOR HER RIGHTS.

Former Monarch of Hawaii Wants to Recover Real Estate.

Ex-Queen Lilioukalani has sent to the senate the following protest against the appropriation of the crown lands of Hawaii by the United States:

To the senate of the United States: I, Lilioukalani, of Hawaii, named heir apparent on the 18th day of April, 1877, and proclaimed queen of the Hawaiian Islands on the 20th day of January, 1891, do hereby earnestly and respectfully protest against the assertion of ownership by the United States of America for the so-called Hawaiian crown lands, amounting to about 1,000,000 acres, and which are my property. Therefore, supplementing my protest of June 17, 1897, I call upon the president and the national legislature and the people of the United States to do justice in this matter and to restore to me this property, the enjoyment of which is being withheld from me by your government under what must be a misapprehension of my right to title. (Signed) LILIOUKALANI.

WRECK IN NEW JERSEY.

Express Trains in a Rear End Collision—Two Persons Killed.

An eastern express collided with a Chicago and New York express, both east bound, on the Pennsylvania Railroad near Rahway, N. J., Wednesday. A colored porter and one passenger were killed. About twenty persons were cut and bruised. Nearly all the occupants of the trains were thrown from their berths.

Three miles from Rahway the Chicago and New York express was stopped, according to the engineer, by signal. A rather thick fog prevailed. The eastern express was coming up from behind a twenty miles an hour and dashed into the other, crushing into the Pullman sleeper which contained fifteen passengers. The colored porter and one passenger were caught on top of the boiler; their bodies twisted by the debris and badly mangled. None of the passengers on the eastern express were seriously hurt.

NEW CABINET MEMBER.

Missouri Chosen to Succeed Secretary of Interior Bliss.

The president has nominated Ethan A. Hitchcock of Missouri secretary of the interior. Hitchcock is at present ambassador to Russia. The senate in executive session Wednesday confirmed the nomination of Hitchcock.

Hon. Ethan Allen Hitchcock is a wealthy St. Louis lawyer. He is a personal friend of the president. He is a lieut. descendant of Col. Ethan Allen of Ticonderoga fame.

Standard Oil Investigation.

Developments of a sensational nature in the Standard Oil investigation came to light at Cleveland Wednesday. Attorney General Monnett began taking depositions for the purpose of proving that the Standard Oil Company kept advised in advance of the proposed action of the supreme court, and that just prior to the issuance of an order by the court that the books of the company be produced in evidence it destroyed a large number of its books.

Fatal Accident on Electric Line.

Two fast moving cars on the Worcester & Suburban electric road collided head on at the foot of the long hill in Leicester, Mass., Thursday. The accident was caused by fog, which made it impossible to see any approaching car. Two persons were killed and several received dangerous injuries.

Chicago and Alton Sold.

It was announced in New York Wednesday that the Chicago and Alton road had been sold to the Union Pacific, Missouri Pacific and Baltimore and Ohio interests. The Union Pacific is said to be in the majority. George Gould of the Missouri Pacific refused to talk of the matter.

MARKET QUOTATIONS.

Chicago—Cattle, common to prime \$3.00 to \$6.25; hogs, shipping grades, \$3.00 to \$3.75; sheep, fair to choice, \$2.50 to \$4.50; wheat, No. 2 red, 68c to 67c; corn, No. 2, 34c to 35c; oats, No. 2, 25c to 27c; rye, No. 2, 54c to 56c; butter, choice creamery, 19c to 21c; eggs, fresh, 21c to 23c; potatoes, choice, 30c to 40c per bushel.

Indianapolis—Cattle, shipping, \$3.00 to \$5.50; hogs, choice light, \$2.75 to \$3.75; sheep, common to choice, \$2.50 to \$4.25; wheat, No. 2 red, 68c to 67c; corn, No. 2 white, 31c to 32c; oats, No. 2 white, 29c to 30c.

St. Louis—Cattle, \$3.00 to \$5.50; hogs, \$3.00 to \$3.75; sheep, \$2.50 to \$4.25; wheat, No. 2, 68c to 71c; corn, No. 2 yellow, 32c to 34c; oats, No. 2, 27c to 28c; rye, No. 2, 50c to 52c.

Cincinnati—Cattle, \$2.50 to \$5.50; hogs, \$3.00 to \$3.75; sheep, \$2.50 to \$4.25; wheat, No. 2, 68c to 70c; corn, No. 2 mixed, 34c to 35c; oats, No. 2 mixed, 29c to 30c; rye, No. 2, 50c to 58c.

Detroit—Cattle, \$2.50 to \$5.50; hogs, \$3.00 to \$3.50; sheep and lambs, \$3.00 to \$5.50; wheat, No. 2, 68c to 70c; corn, No. 2 yellow, 35c to 37c; oats, No. 2 white, 29c to 30c; rye, 54c to 56c.

Toledo—Wheat, No. 2 mixed, 69c to 71c; corn, No. 2 mixed, 34c to 36c; oats, No. 2 white, 26c to 28c; rye, No. 2, 54c to 55c; clover seed, new, \$4.55 to \$4.60.

Milwaukee—Wheat, No. 2 spring, 65c to 67c; corn, No. 3, 32c to 33c; oats, No. 2 white, 28c to 30c; rye, No. 1, 54c to 56c; barley, No. 2, 44c to 49c; pork, mess, \$8.00 to \$8.50.

Buffalo—Cattle, good shipping steers, \$2.00 to \$5.75; hogs, common to choice, \$3.25 to \$3.75; sheep, fair to choice wethers, \$3.50 to \$4.75; lambs, common to extra, \$5.00 to \$5.50.

New York—Cattle, \$3.00 to \$5.75; hogs, \$3.00 to \$4.00; sheep, \$3.00 to \$5.25; wheat, No. 2 red, 77c to 79c; corn, No. 2, 41c to 43c; oats, No. 2, 32c to 33c; butter, creamery, 15c to 22c; eggs, Western, 25c to 27c.

STATE OF NEBRASKA

NEWS OF THE WEEK IN A CONDENSED FORM.

Jersey Stock Growers Want a State Dairy and Food Commissioner and Will Ask Next Legislature to Make Provisions for Same.

Growers Want an Inspector.

The Nebraska Jersey Stock Growers' Association held its annual meeting at Fremont, D. C. Noble of Crete, president of the association, presided. In the president's report he stated that there were 200 Jersey stock breeders in the state. The matter which interested them most was the oleomargarine question. The present law forbidding the sale of oleomargarine and other beef products as butter was satisfactory, but there was no one to look after those who violated it, and it was being openly violated in many of the large and small towns of the state. What was needed was the appointment of a state dairy and pure food commissioner, whose duty it should be to prosecute violators of the law. Governor-elect Poynter, Mr. Noble said, had on several occasions pledged himself to the appointment of such an officer. All that was needed was an act of the legislature appropriating money for the payment of his salary, as it was considered that the dairy act gave the governor authority to appoint such an officer. The association appointed President Noble as a committee of one to co-operate with the dairymen in endeavoring to get a bill through the legislature to provide for the salary of a dairy commissioner.

BISSELL'S WILL CONTESTED.

Court Gives National Christian Association a Big Victory.

By a decision in the district court of Falls City the National Christian Association of Chicago is declared entitled to the large legacy left by W. A. Bissell of Humboldt, whose will was contested by relatives. Bissell, who was a man of considerable wealth, died a year ago. His will directed that the bulk of his property should go to the association. Near relatives began a contest and the probate judge refused to confirm the will.

Suit was brought after four days of testimony-taking and argument the jury brought in a verdict confirming the will. It was charged during the trial that the National Christian Association is an organization whose purpose is to oppose secret societies, especially Masons. It was claimed by the relatives that Mr. Bissell had become insane on the subject and that the Chicago Association had exercised undue influence. The jury, however, did not sustain this contention.

HAWKINS IS FOUND GUILTY.

Convicted of Killing Thomas Jansen Near Stockville.

Andrew Hawkins was found guilty of murder in the first degree at Stockville, the penalty recommended being life imprisonment. The verdict was returned by the jury after being out eight hours. Sentence was passed by the court at noon Friday last. Hawkins killed Thomas Jansen and buried his body in a well.

Bad Men Fail to Spread Terror.

Three rough looking strangers entered John Lehman's saloon at Columbus the other day and ordered drinks. They were boisterous and partly intoxicated and a quarrel soon ensued with the bartender. The men drew revolvers and one of them beat Lehman severely over the head with the heavy butt. The police attempted to arrest the strangers and they opened fire, wounding Officer Brock in the leg. Two of them were captured and taken to the county jail. The other one was chased some distance and finally overtaken and also lodged in jail. Brock's wound is not thought to be serious.

Young Man Commits Suicide.

Coroner Reed of Beatrice was notified the other day of a suicide near Odell and left at once for that place. The dead man was Fred Spitznagle, a 20-year-old son of Isaac Spitznagle, who were among the first settlers on the Otoe Indian reservation and are highly respected people. The boy's body was found hanging from a beam in the barn. He hung himself with a halter strap. No motive is known to have existed for the act, and although he was not considered a very bright lad, he was always cheerful and apparently lived a contented life. He had not been dead long when found.

Shooting Declared Justifiable.

Clay Overton and two companions were in a disorderly house at Lincoln and when Police Officer Buchanan tried to arrest them they showed fight. They were getting the better of the officer when he shot and killed Overton. The coroner's jury found that the shooting was justifiable. Overton and the other young fellows had been in trouble previous to this time.

Fatally Stabbed at Card Table.

Wallace Scott was stabbed and probably fatally injured by Bruce Madison in a gambling room at Fairmont. The men were playing cards and got into an altercation over a small stake which both claimed. Madison suddenly drew a knife and stabbed Scott in the breast. The blade entered the lungs and it is thought the injured man will die. Madison made his escape.

Wilson Gives Up Good Chance.

C. L. Wilson was tried before District Judge Beall at Hastings on the charge of stealing a cow. The jury considered its verdict for forty-five hours and had failed to agree when Wilson came before the court and pleaded guilty. The judge sentenced him to two years in the penitentiary at hard labor.

Barley and Separator Burned.

At the ranch of C. W. Wills, ten miles southwest of Broken Bow, a separator belonging to George Pilky, together with 100 bushels of barley, was burned. The screen had been removed from the smokstack and the sparks from the engine were carried onto the straw.

TAXES AND PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Amount of the Fund and How It Is Raised.

The semi-annual school apportionment has just been reported to the state treasurer, the date being December 8. The number of children of school age in the state is given as 366,064, and the amount apportioned is \$300,816.63, making a rate per scholar of \$0.82174. As compared with one year before there is an increase of 11,140 in the number of scholars and a decrease of \$76,549.27 in the amount apportioned. One year ago the rate per scholar was \$1.66.

The source of the present apportionment is as follows:

State tax	\$ 73,057.92
Interest on U. S. bonds	300.00
Interest on state bonds	7,330.69
Interest on county bonds	65,002.98
Interest on school district bonds	914.54
Interest on school lands sold	100,233.65
Interest on school lands leased	43,697.24
Interest on saline lands sold and leased; transferred from permanent school fund to correct error of treasurer of Cheyenne County	5,735.00
Interest on saline lands leased, warrants	181.44
Interest on state deposits	4,358.17
Peddlers' license	105.00
Total amount	\$300,816.63

Mercer Goes to Leach Lake.

It was feared that the appointment of Ethan Allen Hitchcock as secretary of the interior to succeed Secretary Bliss would have an important effect upon the future management of the Omaha and Winnebago agency, but it seems that the conference between Capt. Mercer and Indian Commissioner Jones bore fruit earlier than was expected, for the secretary of the interior and the secretary of war, after consultation, decided to comply with the request of Commissioner Jones to send Capt. Mercer to the Leach Lake Agency, in Minnesota. C. A. Mattison of Wakefield will succeed Capt. Mercer at the Omaha agency. Mercer goes to Minnesota because he is regarded as the man best qualified to bring about a more satisfactory state of affairs among the Indians than now exist.

Board of Health Report.

The state board of health makes its annual report, showing that during the year 155 physicians made application for certificates, and of these 142 were granted certificates and thirteen refused. The income of the board for fees foots up to \$1,550. The board asks for legislation granting sanitary powers and the appropriation of a fund to carry out the work. It also asks for a provision for the gathering of statistics, for the control of local quarantine, and for the regulation of the transporting of dead bodies in and through the state.

Judge William Marshall Dead.

William Marshall, one of the judges of the district court in the Sixth Judicial District, died suddenly of heart disease at Fremont. He was apparently in the best of health. He went to bed as usual, but toward morning complained of difficulty in breathing. He dressed and came down stairs and died a few minutes later in a chair.

Acquitted for Robbing Safe.

A. F. Mead, who was charged with robbing the safe in the Albion postoffice had his examination. The evidence disclosed that burglars entered the postoffice and attempted to blow open the safe, but the county judge did not think there was sufficient evidence to hold Mead and accordingly discharged him.

Serious Runaway Accident.

While Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Moranville of Red Cloud were driving in the country the horses became unmanageable and ran away. Mrs. Moranville jumped and received a severe sprain in the ankle. Dr. Moranville jumped a few minutes later and received injuries to his feet which may permanently disable him.

Blackleg in Cherry County Cattle.

Several cases of blackleg have appeared among the cattle on one of the ranches in Cherry County. Prompt measures have been taken to prevent the spread of the disease and it is not thought any cattle will be afflicted outside of the herd.

Shipment of Horses.